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The financial operations of industrial cooperatives are very unsatisfactory. Yearly State loans to the industrial cooperative system for replenishing their working capital and for capital construction work have not been used properly. In 1947, the industrial cooperative system had a 1,815,000-ruble deficit in its working capital. In 1948, this deficit was considerably exceeded. Industrial cooperative artels had received 3,200,000 rubles. However, on 1 January 1949, they again had a 1,582,000-ruble deficit. During the first quarter of 1949, the Commercial Bank paid out 528,000 rubles to supplement the working capital. As far as is known, these funds have also not been used for any good purpose. -- F. Ivantsov, manager, Commercial Bank Branch Office

NOVOSIBIRSK COOPERATIVES IN RED -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 130, 3 Jul 49

In 1949, industrial cooperative artels in the city of Novosibirsk have received considerable quantities of modern mechanized equipment, have received assistance in reorganizing technological processes, and in some cases, have converted to assembly-line production. The "Sibmetall" Artel, recently organized in Kirovskiy Rayon, has received substantial assistance from its sponsor, "Sibsel'mash" (Siberian Agricultural Machine Building) Plant. The artel is now producing galvanized pots and pans and pails, and will start production of iron beds and enamelled dishware. Other artels, however, are not using their equipment to capacity and are retarding production expansion. "Gorpromtekhnab" (City Industrial Technical Supply) is not meeting the needs of these enterprises for supplies, with the result that production of some articles is either suspended or is of poor quality.

Industrial cooperative enterprises continue to operate at a loss, and have fulfilled only 67.1 percent of the 6-month plan for accumulations. The artels owe more than 11 million rubles in back debts for materials, another 2 million in debts, and 676,000 to the State Bank. The warehouses are stocked with more than 10½ million rubles' worth of finished goods, exceeding the quota for finished goods by 100 percent. At the same time, however, the trade turnover quota has not been fulfilled. This situation has arisen because of the poor quality of the finished products and their limited assortment. In 5-months' time, industrial cooperatives failed to produce nearly 8 million rubles' worth of goods and did not complete the plan for 27 out of 38 planned types of goods.

KHABAROVSK CONSUMERS' GOODS LACK PERSISTS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 164, 14 Jul 49

At the fifth session of the Khabarovsk Kray Soviet of Workers' Deputies, it was reported that in 1948, enterprises of local and cooperative industry in Khabarovsk Kray produced 42 percent more goods than in 1940. During 1948 and months of 1949, these same enterprises started mass production of 43 new types of products, particularly new furniture products and consumers' goods. Enterprises and artels of the Administration of the Kray Food Industry, Kray Timber Industry Union, and the Local-Fishing Trust have improved their work.

Local and cooperative industry, however, are still far from satisfying the Kray's needs. The Kray's local and light industries, Kray Administration of Industrial Cooperatives, and the Kray Union of Invalids' Cooperatives are not meeting their production plans. Almost one half of the enterprises of local and cooperative industry are lagging in production. For example, only five of the 17 enterprises and artels in Nizhne-Amur Oblast completed the 5-month plan. Kray local industry enterprises completed the 5-month plan for only 10 basic products out of a planned 21; industrial cooperative artels, four products out of 13; and invalids' cooperatives, two out of 10. The poorest quality goods are produced by enterprises of the Kray construction materials industry, but all local and cooperative enterprises are at fault in this. As a result, warehouses in Khabarovsk, Kamsmol'sk, and Birobidzhan are now filled with 2½ million rubles' worth of goods which need reprocessing before they can be sold.

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Utilization of local raw materials is progressing slowly. Neither kray local industry nor industrial cooperative industry has yet organized primary processing of metal waste and scrap.

Afanasyev, chairman of the Nizhne-Amur Oblast Executive Committee, reported that the oblast's local and cooperative industry had been started only during the war. At that time, construction of ships for a small-tonnage fleet was started in the Bogorodsk and Nikolayevsk fish combines, and production of barrels, lime, brick, etc. was organized in the Rayon imeni Polina Osipenko and in Chumikanskiy and Okhotskiy rayons. These comparatively new enterprises have been continually increasing output, but could operate more efficiently with more extensive assistance from kray organizations. Kray local industry and the Kray Administration of Industrial Cooperatives must give more attention to their enterprises located in the kray's northern regions.

FAR NORTH RECEIVES ADDED CONSUMERS' GOODS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 164, 14 Jul 49

During the first 6 months of 1949, shipments of goods to Kamchatka and the Okhotsk seacoast increased by 100 million rubles over the same period in 1948. Two and a half times more sugar and 1 1/2 times more confectionary products were shipped than during the whole of 1948. The Kamchatka population has received 2,500 more pud of dried fruits. Shipments of cotton, woolen, and silk cloth, sewn goods, shoes and other industrial production have increased substantially. A shipment of goods totaling more than 25,000 tons is now being prepared for delivery to Kamchatka and Okhotsk. A large consignment of fresh fruit is being sent to the North this year. Kamchatka will receive 800 tons of apples and the Okhotsk seacoast, 200 tons.

LOCAL INDUSTRY ENTERPRISES MEET 6-MONTH PLAN -- Krasnoye Znamya, No 154, 2 Jul 49

One of the first enterprises of the Primorskiy Kray Local Industry to complete the 6-month plan was the mechanized plant. The enterprise has done much to increase assortment of goods produced and has recently started production of electric irons, nickel and brass teapots, iron pans and roasters. The plan is opening a new nail shop which will be equipped with 12 machine tools and one draw bench and will produce all different sizes of nails.

Other local industry enterprises which completed the 6-month plan include the wood packing materials combine, which has just opened a bentwood furniture shop, the Nakhodkinskiy Industrial Combine, the Kalininskiy and Spasskiy industrial combines, the tar paper factory, and several others.

COOPERATIVE MARKET PRICES REDUCED -- Bol'shevik Altaya, No 122, 9 Jul 49

The Cooperative Market of Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast Consumers' Union informs the citizens of Ust'-Kamenogorsk that on 5 July 1949 prices were reduced considerably on the following farm products: honey -- 30 percent, butter -- 20 percent, and smoked fish -- 35 percent. It is also announced that stores and stands of the Cooperative Market will daily sell fresh beef and mutton below the regular market prices. -- Advertisement

MOSCOW SCHOOL TAKING NEW STUDENTS -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 169, 20 Jul 49

The Moscow Light Industry Technological Institute imeni L. M. Kaganovich is accepting first-year students in the following departments: mechanics, technology, chemical technology, and economic-engineering.

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Applications will be accepted until 31 July. Entrance examinations will be held from 1 August to 20 August. Address of the institute: Moscow, 127, ulitsa Osipenko, 33. -- Advertisement

SCHOOL HAS VACANCIES -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 175, 25 Jul 49

The Moscow Light Industry Technological Institute imeni L. M. Kaganovich announces a competition to fill vacancies in the following departments: foreign languages (department head, docent), plant organization and economics of industry (two docents), technology of metals and machine building (docent), and physics (professor, department head).

Apply: Moscow, 127, ulitsa Osipenko, 33. -- Advertisement

TRADE INSTITUTE ADMITTING STUDENTS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 176, 26 Jul 49

The Moscow Institute of Soviet Cooperative Trade, Ministry of Higher Education USSR, is admitting students for the 1949 - 1950 school year in the following faculties: trade economics, economic accounting, and marketing. Students are being admitted to the evening department in economics of Soviet trade and bookkeeping.

The term of studies is 5 years. Apply: Moscow, 57, Volckolamskoye shosse, 21/25. -- Advertisement

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